

# Segment 1

## Boulder Flat to Horseshoe Bend

**Length: 6 River Miles    Float Time: 2-3 Hours**

**Avoid floating 6 pm to 10 am, July 1 - October 31**

The upper segment of the Wild and Scenic North Umpqua River is rich in geologic and natural attractions and recreational opportunities for visitors. Striking views of basalt columns and vertical volcanic spires along the river offer awesome photo opportunities.

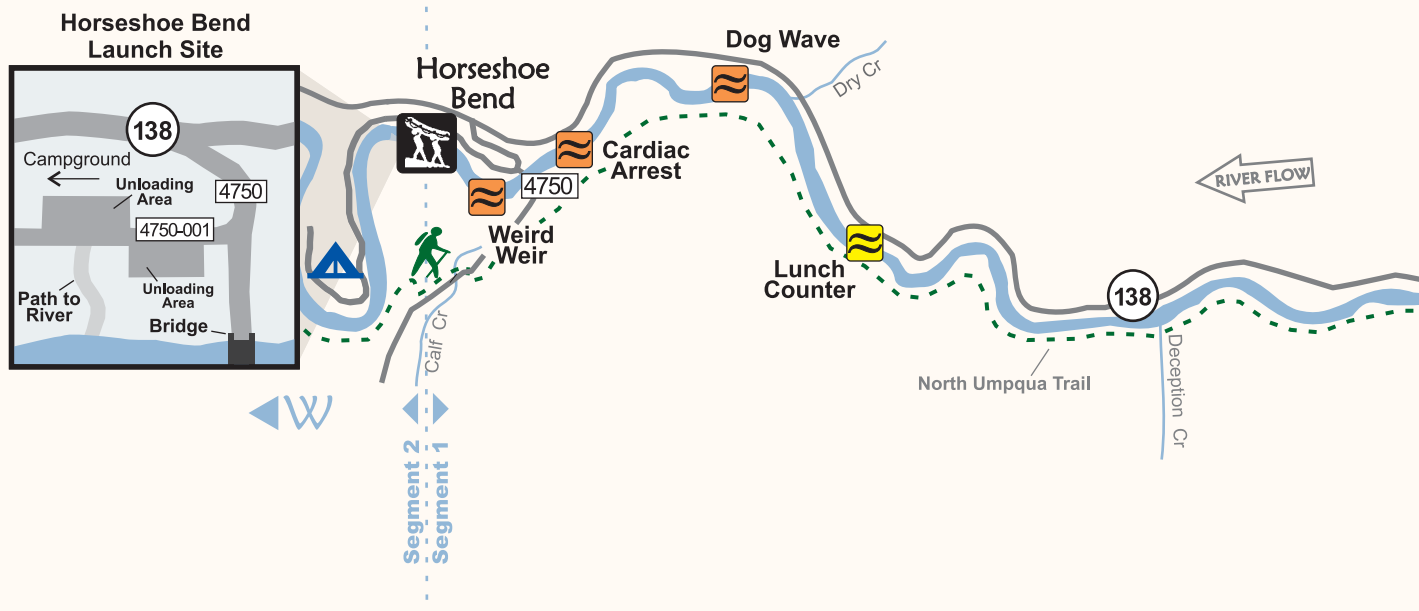
Whitewater enthusiasts should put-in at the Boulder Flat Campground. This 6-mile long segment has five Class II+ and four Class III rapids. Parking for boaters is limited at this site, so plan ahead to shuttle. The next developed take-out is at Horseshoe Bend launch site.

The free-flowing Wild and Scenic River Corridor begins just below the Soda Springs Power House. Several trails, including the North Umpqua Trail, can be accessed from this segment.





Spawning chinook salmon can be seen from September into November at the Weeping Rocks Watchable Wildlife site. Please do not disturb the fish or their spawning gravels.



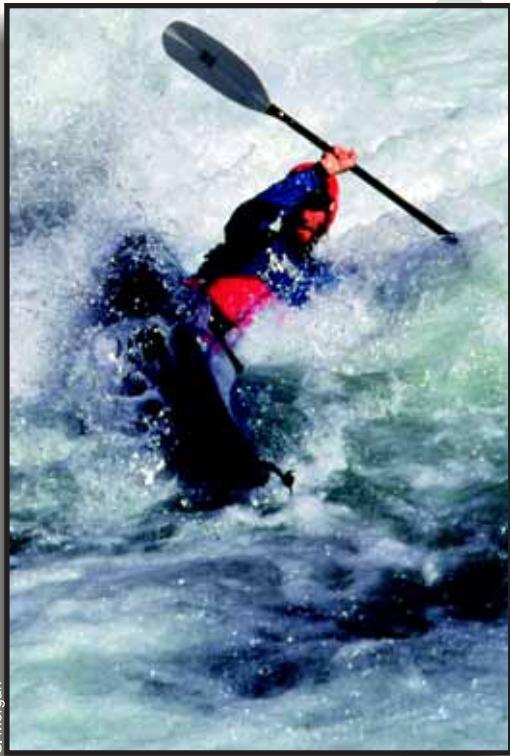
Old Man Rock



## Segment I Rapids - Class III and Above

| Rapid   | Backpaddlers Guide Suggested Approach*   |
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|  <b>Boulder Hole</b>   | Left center. Go left of first and second boulders. Cut to right bank to avoid 5-foot drop-off on left side of river. Drop down chute, going left of large rock at bottom.  |
|  <b>Dog Wave</b>       | Right, as river snakes and bends to left. River center as you near a lone rock, then go left about 10', continue center to wave. <b>"Sneaky Pete" is a huge hole on left, stay clear in low flows.</b>               |
|  <b>Cardiac Arrest</b> | Down left side of island, hugging island. When passing tip of island, cut hard to right bank, drop down to left between 2 large submerged rocks and into a huge reversal, go through waves then out to river center. |
|  <b>Weird Weir</b>     | Right into the chute. Avoid left 3/4 of river (3-4' waterfall and ledge). <b>Caution: Hold on tight as you drop down chute and head into Kiss Off Rock, just bounce off.</b>   |

Classifications, names of segment rapids and suggested approaches are adapted with permission from the *Backpaddlers Guide to the North Umpqua River*, by Ralph Corliss and Richard Chase, Walk on Water Publishing, Glide, Oregon.



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